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A Bad Day for Losses.

On Tuesday last the people in many States rose up in their might and majesty and smote bossism hip and thigh. The city of Philadelphia had been dominated by grafters and plunderers for many years, and the machine, operated by Boss Duhrum, had made itself so strong that its hold upon the government was hard to break. But when the true democracy of any community asserts itself there is no political machine strong enough to stand against it, and the Philadelphia machine was smashed to pieces. It was one of the greatest popular triumphs of the age. We have spoken of it as the triumph of democracy, but we have used the term in its broadest sense. It was not a partisan triumph, for the reformers were made up of Republicans and Democrats; but no matter what party they belonged to, they had in them the true spirit of democracy, and it was that spirit which inspired the fight and won the victory.

Scarcely less great a victory was gained over bossism in the State of Ohio. In 1891 the Republicans carried Ohio by 255,421. In 1903 Herrick (Republican) was elected Governor over Johnson (Democrat) by more than 100,000; yet in the election of Tuesday the Republican ticket, headed by Herrick, was defeated by something like 40,000. Mr. Herrick has made a good Governor, according to the Cleveland Leader, and has the respect of his fellow-citizens. But "he was made to seem the stalking horse of the predatory and disreputable Cox," adds the Leader, and Cox was a boss, and the people smote him. In fact, he was so completely routed that he immediately announced his retirement from politics.

The political revolution in New York City was not primarily socialistic, not a mere expression for municipal ownership, because each party in the contest had in its platform a municipal ownership plank. The Herald says that "the comparatively narrow margin by which Mr. McClellan won out—receiving anything like a majority of the city's vote—is a stinging rebuke to the Fourteenth Street machine, its chiefs, its rank and file, their methods and their works." It was a protest against the arrogance of political bosses and "high financiers" who hold the public interest in contempt. And but for the fact that 40,000 conservative Republicans, who feared Hearst worse than they feared Tammany, had come to the rescue, the Tammany ticket would have been defeated. It is also most significant that District Attorney Jerome, who was repudiated by Hearst's party as well as by Tammany, ran as an independent, and polled more votes than either Hearst or McClellan. Jerome's election was a popular triumph pure and simple.

In Maryland, also, there was a rebuke to bossism. The Gorman wing of the party insisted on a suffrage amendment to the Constitution, embodying a permanent "understanding clause," and in spite of the appeal of many Democrats, the organization insisted on submitting it to a vote of the people. The amendment was defeated by 25,650, although the general Democratic ticket was elected by a majority of 6,000, and the Baltimore Sun, which supported the Democratic ticket and advocated a amendment, now comes out and demands that the present leadership retire and that the party be reorganized.

It was a bad day for bosses wherever they chanced to be in evidence. As for Virginia, we have the conviction that the Democratic victory here was due in great measure to the fact that our candidates were nominated in a primary election. There was an impression in this State a little while ago that a political machine dominated the politics of Virginia, and that no man could be nominated for office unless he was the favorite of the machine. But the convention of 1904 declared itself in favor of the primary plan and all factions of the party concurred. In 1905 a State primary was held, and every Democrat had the opportunity of going to the polls and expressing his choice of candidates. It was a free contest and a fair election, and after the nominees had been chosen by this method no one could raise the point that the ticket was machine-made. It was the people's own ticket, and they turned out and elected it.

Surmises are usually without profit, but we submit this question for the consideration of Virginia Democrats: Suppose the primary plan had been defeated in the Convention of 1904, and suppose our ticket had been nominated by convention, and suppose Democrats generally had conceived the idea that the convention was dominated by the machine, is it fair to presume that the Democratic nominees would have been elected by a majority of 35,000 or 36,000? Let us take the lesson to heart, and let us never abandon the primary, but improve and perfect the plan

and use it as a protection against machine politics and political bossism and as the safeguard of Democracy.

The Y. M. C. A. and the Founder.

Sir George Williams, founder of the Y. M. C. A., who recently died in London, demonstrated in his useful life what an earnest, devoted man, with the love of God and humanity in his heart, can do for any cause he may espouse. He was son of a poor farmer, and at the age of seventeen became clerk in a drug store in Bridgewater. It was there that he was converted, and a year or two later he had the good fortune to find employment with Hiltcheek and Rodgers, the big dry goods firm, in London.

It was in London that young George conceived the idea that reading, recreation and religion might be combined to make a society that would be of use to some of the thousands of lonely young men, who had left country homes and were trying to keep themselves out of the devil's clutches.

The club was founded by himself and eleven other clerks, and they raised among them sixty cents a week for the rent of the little room. Mr. Hiltcheek himself became a convert and member, and raised a large sum of money for the support of the club. Larger rooms were taken, and the organization grew fast and extended its work throughout England. The first branch on this side of the Atlantic was in Montreal, but soon there was another one in Boston. New York followed suit, and America had adopted the plan of the London club. Then the world did.

Williams married his employer's daughter and was admitted as a partner in the firm, which became Hiltcheek, Williams and Company.

He was created a knight by the Queen in 1894. That was the jubilee year of the Young Men's Christian Association—founded in 1844—and a great convention was held in London to celebrate it, in which the venerable founder was the central figure. To that convention from all over the world came 5,000 delegates, speaking seventeen different languages. It was estimated as the largest delegate evangelized assembly that had ever met.

With his wife, Lady Williams, and his sons he lived in a quiet old house in Russell Square, characterized, like its master, by its simplicity. Sir George was prosperous. If he had not given away most of his great earnings he would have died rich. He gave to dozens of deserving charities, but chiefly to his own organization.

When the Y. M. C. A. began, young Williams was earning exactly \$750 a year, and he gave \$250 of this sum annually to its support, and lived as best he could on what was left.

It is no wonder that his work prospered. The work of such a man always prospers. The Y. M. C. A. began in a small room near Blackfriars Bridge, London, in 1844. There were twelve members. The association's statistics now show that it is represented in every city and hamlet in the United States; in every part of Europe, and in such contrasting places as Nazareth, Dawson City, the Transvaal, Jerusalem, the Congo and Bethlehem. The branches number over 7,000 and the membership over 500,000. The buildings that shelter the members in England and the United States are valued at \$15,000,000.

But at least one more building is needed in Richmond. Now is the time to subscribe. See Secretary McKee.

Atrocious Misrule in the Congo.

It was, of course, to be expected that the Belgian Commission, appointed by King Leopold to investigate charges of cruelty and brutality in the Congo Free State, should turn in a whitewashing verdict. This was doubtless what the commissioners were appointed for, and they have certainly made good. A Belgian board, appointed by Belgian authority at home to pass upon Belgian authority abroad, could hardly be expected to indulge in wholesale and stinging condemnation.

Some of the evidence, however, upon which the commission based its findings has leaked out, and is given to readers of the Independent by Rev. C. B. Antisdal, an American missionary. The exposures of Mr. Morel, Dr. Morrison and Mr. Roger Casement, British consul to the Congo, which were the means of forcing the appointment of the commission, are absolutely justified. Congo affairs, under the Belgian regime, are in a deplorable condition. Atrocities of all sorts are freely practiced. The cutting off of native hands is a favorite form of official diversion. The claim of the commission that this sort of mutilation is only practiced by natives upon natives is of no weight whatever. Whoever actually wields the knife, it can be shown that the act is commonly done with the white man's sanction or connivance.

There is a trading company down there, in which the Congo Government is a one-half owner, and which requires the natives to bring in stated quantities of rubber to swell its earnings. Failure to deliver the stipulated quantity is rather likely to result in imprisonment, mutilation or "punishment" so severe that the victim dies of it. Even the kindly-disposed commission could not get away from that. "Hundreds of people," it declares, of the territory through which the company operates, "have been killed in this district alone for rubber." Hundreds more are living with unsightly stumps where serviceable working hands once swung. Women are outraged, mutilated and frequently murdered. Civil conditions are such that it is a virtual impossibility to get justice against a white man, and as a natural consequence of all these things, the country is being depopulated with a velocity little short of startling.

The Belgian rule over the Congo Free State was established and authorized with the consent and approval of the civilized nations of the world. Representatives of fourteen leading peoples met in Berlin in the winter of 1884-1885, and agreed to accord to Leopold the sovereignty over the Congo country. A trust was thereby imposed upon King

Leopold, and, wilfully or not, he has betrayed it. His rule in Africa has been a disgrace to civilization and an affront to humanity. What the powers gave, the powers can take away. If they prefer not to take away, they can and must control. Congo must be administered on enlightened, civilized and humanitarian lines. If Belgium cannot or will not do this, some other country both can and will. And it decidedly behooves the signatory powers of the Berlin conference to make this fact known, in language as diplomatic as they choose, to his majesty King Leopold II.

The Lynchburg Rally.

The Co-operative Education Commission of Virginia will conduct a great rally for education in the city of Lynchburg on November 29th and 30th and December 1st. Representatives of every class of good citizenship will be in attendance, and various questions relating to popular education will be discussed. Addresses will be made by Hon. Charles B. Aycock, ex-Governor of North Carolina; Hon. St. George Tucker, President E. A. Alderman, Hon. R. Walton Moore, Hon. A. C. Braxton, Hon. Roswell Page, Hon. Carter Glass, Dr. H. B. Friesell, Mr. J. Stuart Bryan, Hon. A. J. Montague, Rev. W. B. Beachum, President Denny, of Washington and Lee University; President Blackwell, of Randolph-Macon; President Cannon, of Blackstone; President Boatwright and Dr. S. C. Mitchell, of Richmond College, and many other distinguished educators.

Mr. E. C. Glass, superintendent of schools in Lynchburg, will be master of ceremonies, and is doing everything in his power to make this meeting the greatest in the history of the recent educational movement in Virginia. The Co-operative Education Commission has already held several conventions, and its last meeting, in Norfolk, was an inspiration and an incentive to all who attended it. Talk will not do everything, but talk is necessary to arouse popular interest in any subject, and the speeches which have been made throughout Virginia during the past several years in behalf of education have created an interest such as was never known before in Virginia.

During the late campaign there was much discussion as to the attitude of two political parties toward the public schools, and it is significant and encouraging that the public school question was one of the chief issues of the canvass. We do not want to see politics in the schools, but it is a glorious thing that the public school question has broken into politics. The people are demanding that the schools be improved, and the political party which expects to keep in favor with the people must be friendly to popular education. But no political party can do it all. The people pay the taxes and support the schools, and unless the people are thoroughly interested, unless they are willing to tax themselves liberally, the schools will not prosper.

The Lynchburg meeting is designed to stimulate still further the interest already created, and we hope that every friend of popular education in Virginia who can make it convenient to do so will attend, and by his presence, if nothing else, give aid and encouragement to the movement.

Our Dumb Animals relates that the lady who wrote "Black Beauty" tried hard to sell it to English publishers and finally sold her rights for twenty pounds (\$100). The book was sent to "Our Dumb Animals" by a New York lady without a word of comment. The editor read it through and then called upon Publisher Houghton, of Boston, and told him he wanted 10,000 copies. Mr. Houghton said he had seen the book before, but did not think it would pay to print it. When it appeared, a Boston critic declared that it had no literary merit. A copy was sent to the head of a great news company in New York and he said the book would not sell.

"We thought differently," adds Our Dumb Animals, "and have carried it up to over three million copies in our own, various European and three Asiatic languages, and the call for it is now so great as to make it quite likely that it may reach three or four times its present circulation and accomplish an amount of good, both for human beings and dumb animals, beyond the power of human computation."

"A distinguished American bishop said to us one day that it included about everything contained in a true Christianity."

This story teaches that publishers, critics and newsdealers all read sometimes.

Messrs. Caldwell and Tompkins, owners of the Charlotte Observer have purchased the Greenville (S. C.) News, which was founded by Mr. A. B. Williams, of Richmond. The more newspapers these men run the better it will be for the honor of Southern journalism.

In any event, skinning played an evident part in those New York election results. The Tammany victory was won only by the skinning of the McClellan incisors.

One of the election aftermaths likely to prove most painful in certain quarters is the prompt resumption of that life insurance legislation.

There is nothing surprising about a Santo Domingo uprising. Down in those warm countries there is often very little to do but go out and urise.

The "new" Republican party was disappointed, of course; but probably not greatly surprised.

Winter continues to show a pronounced backwardness about coming forward.

Election day now little more than 860 days off.

His name shall no longer be Slemg, but slump.

CASORIA.
The Kid You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

RHYMES FOR TODAY

I Would to the Woods.
I wish I could now see the wood
I wish I was wont to frolic,
When a clump of catkins wild,
Untroubled and bucolic.
It was a good and wholesome wood,
The trees grew tall, God wot!
And there were some I might have clumb
And some that I might not.
They were so high I might not spy
What were they in their hair:
A speckled owl or kuller fowl,
Might well have lurked up there.
And in the brook, with bent pin hook,
I fished when there I roamed,
But such is sport, I never caught
A thing till I got home.
Some day, I swear, I'll stray back there
And prove that fishing rod:
Could this be done, would it be fun?
(Please note the pun) It would.
H. S. H.

The Annapolis Tragedy.

The death of a student of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., is a tragedy of a kind which is not often met with in a civilized country. Young Branch, it is stated, in the line of duty, reported the death of one of the inmates of the academy, a student, to a member of the faculty. Branch did his duty; there was nothing else for him to do but to report the death of a student. The faculty, however, in its opinion, was not satisfied with the report, and it was decided to hold an inquiry into the matter. The inquiry was held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold another inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a third inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. 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The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a ninety-fifth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a ninety-sixth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a ninety-seventh inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a ninety-eighth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a ninety-ninth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundredth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and first inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and second inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and third inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and fourth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and fifth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and sixth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and seventh inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and eighth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and ninth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and tenth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and eleventh inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and twelfth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and thirteenth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and fourteenth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and fifteenth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and sixteenth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and seventeenth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and eighteenth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and nineteenth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and twentieth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and twenty-first inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and twenty-second inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and twenty-third inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and twenty-fourth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and twenty-fifth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and twenty-sixth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and twenty-seventh inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and twenty-eighth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and twenty-ninth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and thirtieth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and thirty-first inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and thirty-second inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and thirty-third inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and thirty-fourth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. 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The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and fortieth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and forty-first inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and forty-second inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and forty-third inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. The faculty, however, was not satisfied with the result, and it was decided to hold a hundred and forty-fourth inquiry. This inquiry was also held, and it was found that Branch had done his duty. 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